Supply of foodgrains to States

2394. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the additional quantum of foodgrains sought by Government under the National Food for Work Programme during 2005; and

(b) the action taken so far by Government for the supply of foodgrains and if not, what action has been taken alongwith the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) No additional foodgrains have been sought by the Government of India under National Food for Work Programme (NFFWP) during 2005-06.

(b) The allocated quantity of foodgrains is released to the Districts covered under NFFWP based on their allocated and submission of proposal after fulfilling prescribed conditions for release.

BPL Census

2395. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the BPL census has been carried out in the States after 1997;

(b) if so, what are the results of the census, the State-wise estimates thereof; and

(c) if census figures are not available, what steps are being considered by Government with regard to issual of new BPL cards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) The BPL Census is conducted after every five years coinciding with the Five Year Plans. The Ministry had issued detailed guidelines to States/Union territories to conduct the BPL Census, 2002 for the Tenth Five Year Plan. However, the results of BPL Census, 2002 could not be finalized because of the order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme court of India in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 196 of 2001 in the matter of PUCL *vs* Union of India. On the advice of the Ministry of Law, the States/UTs have recently been asked